



Chester Rural District Council

Annual Report

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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FOR THE YEAR

1972

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR CHESTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1972

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the health and sanitary condition of the Chester Rural District for year 1972.

The vital statistics appear in the body of the report and can be compared with the country as a whole.

The corrected birth rate of 14.2 per thousand of the population is below the average for England and Wales, which is 14.8. The death rate of 10.3 per thousand compares favourably with that of 12.1 for England and Wales.

The summary of infectious diseases for the year shows notifications from General Practitioners have been at a satisfactorily low level.

Food poisoning notifications were higher than usual, but arose mainly from sporadic episodes where no positive evidence was forthcoming. In July, however, an episode occurred in the central kitchen of an educational establishment, which resulted in 170 persons being ill out of a population at risk of 803. The cause of the outbreak was insufficient boiling of eggs already contaminated. Steps have been taken to see that this type of trouble will not recur and the Department of Health and Social Security were informed.

The year saw the introduction of a Computer based Developmental Paediatric programme where infants are reviewed periodically for anomalies of development. Examinations are carried out by medical staff at 6 weeks, 6 months, 9 months, 2 years, 3 years and 4½ years in County Clinic Centres within the District. Of the children eligible for screening some 80% accepted their invitations representing a creditable level of attendance.

Now that re-organisation of Local Government and Health Services is becoming imminent, more and more time is being devoted to the new structure. Working parties commenced during the year to help smooth the way for those directly concerned with the change.

I wish to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation for the co-operation of all members of the staff with whom I have had the pleasure of working. My thanks also go to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee.

I am, Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

D. R. MORRIS, Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory Service has a District Laboratory available in Chester under its Director, Dr. Poale, where the examination of bacteriological specimens is undertaken.

Ambulance Services

These are provided by the Cheshire County Council, assisted by the Chester City Ambulances acting as an Agency Service.

Nursing in the Home

Home Nursing is undertaken by District Nurses under the direction of the Cheshire County Council.

All nursing staff are attached to General Practitioners.

Clinics

County Council Clinics are provided in the following parts of the District:

Barrow:	Developmental Paediatrics
Vicars Cross:	Developmental Paediatrics
Saughall:	Developmental Paediatrics
Ince:	Developmental Paediatrics
Chester:	Developmental Paediatrics and Orthodontics, Eye and Audiology Clinics, Cervical Smears
Christleton:	Developmental Paediatrics
Huntington:	Developmental Paediatrics
Upton:	Developmental Paediatrics

Special Rural Clinics are also available by appointment as and when required, and include the screening tests of hearing of children under one year of age.

Hospitals

The District is served by the hospitals at Chester, Barrow, Clatterbridge and Liverpool. In addition to general services, the hospital at Barrow provides special treatment for diseases of the chest.

National Statistics

The Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1972 was 14.8 per 1,000 population as compared with 16.0 for 1971.

The Death Rate for England and Wales for 1972 was 12.1 per 1,000 population. In 1971 the Death Rate was 11.6.

Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales i.e. deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births was 17.0.

Natural increase in population (i.e. excess of births over deaths) 1961-72—England and Wales:

YEAR	PER 1,000 POP.	YEAR	PER 1,000 POP.
1961	5.4	1967	6.0
1962	6.0	1968	5.0
1963	5.8	1969	4.4
1964	7.1	1970	4.3
1965	6.5	1971	4.4
1966	6.0	1972	3.7

CHESTER RURAL DISTRICT STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Area: 43,500 acres.

Population mid-1972	35,760
Number of inhabited houses	10,826
Rateable Value at 1st April 1972	£1,789,499
Product of 1p Rate 1971-72	£17,433

The number of Council built properties in the area total 1,447 and of these 108 were sold during the year.

The number of private houses built in the year was 326.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1972

Births

Live Births

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	232	222	454
Illegitimate	12	13	25

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 13.4.

Using Comparability Factor 1.06 the adjusted Birth Rate is 14.2.

Still Births

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	1	4	5
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births: 10.0.

Total of Live and Still Births: 484.

Deaths

MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
216	236	452

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population: 12.7.

Using Comparability Factor of 0.81 the adjusted Death Rate is 10.3.

Deaths (due to maternal causes):

Pregnancy-Childbirth—7.

Deaths of Infants under one year:

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	10	4	14
Illegitimate	1	2	3

Infant Mortality Rate i.e. per 1,000 Live Births: 29.

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age (neo-natal deaths):

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	—	2	2

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under one week) per 1,000 total live and still births: 25.

Illegitimate live births as a percentage of total live births: 5.17 per cent.

Natural increase in population (that is, excess of births over deaths) 1961-72:

NAT. INC.			NAT. INC.		
PER			PER		
YEAR	POP.	POP.	YEAR	POP.	POP.
1961 ...	28,170	2.69	1967 ...	33,850	3.48
1962 ...	30,190	4.5	1968 ...	33,890	3.57
1963 ...	30,850	2.88	1969 ...	33,570	4.35
1964 ...	31,130	4.27	1970 ...	33,040	1.08
1965 ...	32,500	5.51	1971 ...	34,650	2.85
1966 ...	33,320	4.12	1972 ...	35,760	0.73

Table of number of Live Births and Crude Birth Rate 1961-72:

YEAR	NO.	BIRTH RATE	YEAR	NO.	BIRTH RATE
1961 ...	476	15.64	1967 ...	563	17.00
1962 ...	547	18.13	1968 ...	606	17.90
1963 ...	539	17.47	1969 ...	546	16.30
1964 ...	562	18.08	1970 ...	486	14.70
1965 ...	613	18.86	1971 ...	551	15.90
1966 ...	578	17.35	1972 ...	479	14.20

Table of number of Deaths and Crude Death Rate 1961-1972:

YEAR	NO.	DEATH RATE	YEAR	NO.	DEATH RATE
1961 ...	400 ...	14.19	1967 ...	445 ...	13.10
1962 ...	411 ...	13.60	1968 ...	485 ...	14.30
1963 ...	450 ...	14.91	1969 ...	398 ...	11.90
1964 ...	429 ...	13.78	1970 ...	450 ...	13.60
1965 ...	434 ...	13.35	1971 ...	452 ...	13.00
1966 ...	441 ...	13.23	1972 ...	453 ...	12.70

Table of Infant Mortality 1961-1972:

YEAR	NO.	RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS	YEAR	NO.	RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS
1961 ...	10 ...	21.00	1967 ...	13 ...	23.00
1962 ...	12 ...	21.00	1968 ...	6 ...	10.00
1963 ...	6 ...	11.13	1969 ...	3 ...	5.00
1964 ...	9 ...	16.00	1970 ...	10 ...	21.00
1965 ...	12 ...	19.57	1971 ...	8 ...	15.00
1966 ...	8 ...	13.85	1972 ...	14 ...	29.00

Deaths from Measles (all ages) ...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough ...	...	...	Nil

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1972

	M	F
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc. ...	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	5	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	4	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	13	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	—	16
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ...	3	—
Leukaemia ...	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	8	7
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ...	—	2
Diabetes Mellitus ...	1	5
Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases ...	1	—
Anaemias ...	—	1
Mental Disorders ...	1	—
Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	1	5
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ...	4	3
Hypertensive Disease ...	3	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	67	35
Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	8	19
Cerebrovascular Disease ...	29	36
Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	2	11
Influenza ...	—	1
Pneumonia ...	28	54

Bronchitis and Emphysema	..	...	...	13	3
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	...	...	1	2
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	...	...	...	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	2	—
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	1	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	...	...	...	2	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	...	...	...	1	3
Congenital Anomalies	...	...	...	3	—
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour Etc.	...	...	...	3	3
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	...	...	...	1	—
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	...	...	...	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	...	...	...	3	1
All Other Accidents	...	...	...	1	8
Total All Causes	...	...	...	217	236

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Prevalance of and Control over Infectious and other Diseases

The following notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) were notified during the year:

						TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	4
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	75
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	...	5
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	10
Pnuemonia	...	...	...	...	...	1

TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and Mortality during 1972

Cases:

			RESPIRATORY		NON- RESPIRATORY		TOTAL
AGE PERIODS			M	F	M	F	
Under 5 years	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
5-14 years	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
15-24 years	...	...	—	1	—	—	1
25-34 years	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
35-44 years	...	...	—	1	—	—	1
45-54 years	...	...	1	—	—	—	1
55-64 years	...	...	1	1	—	—	2
65-74 years	...	...	1	—	—	—	1
75 years and over	...	...	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	1	—	—	—	1
Totals	...	...	4	3	—	—	7

Deaths:

There were no deaths from tuberculosis notified during the period under review.

MILK SUPPLY

The routine sampling of raw milk by officials of the Cheshire County Council continued and I am grateful for the following information in respect of milk samples obtained during 1972 from this area.

	TOTAL SUBMITTED	POSITIVE BRUCELLA
Bulk samples	88	—
Dealer Samples (Herd Samples) ...	18	—
Individual Cow Samples	70	1
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There are 9 dairy herds in the district, from which raw milk is sold to the public, retailing approximately 160 gallons of milk daily.

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1972

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for 1972 which gives in some detail the various duties and responsibilities of the department. The routine work of the department has proceeded satisfactorily during the year but forward planning has, to a certain extent, been partly restricted due to the impending re-organisation of Local Government.

Details of the visits made by the public health inspectors' are set out later in this report and interesting comparisons can be drawn if reference is made to the previous years report, visits made in respect of food complaints for instance being more than double the previous years figure.

Once again I must make comment in respect of the indiscriminate dumping of rubbish which takes place in various parts of the rural district, despite increasing publicity being given to various forms of environmental pollution, the attitude of a certain section of the general public appears to be that pollution does not matter provided that it is not in the vicinity of their own home, as a result of this unfortunate attitude, two men and a refuse collection vehicle are now employed every day clearing rubbish that is being continually dumped throughout the area.

In conclusion I wish to record my sincere thanks to the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, Mrs. S. M. N. Garston, for her valued assistance and deep interest in the department and also to the staff who because of the ever-increasing volume of work have been working at times under considerable pressure.

I am,

Madam Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

E. CLARKSON,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Wirral Water Board, the Chester Waterworks Co. and the Wrexham and East Denbighshire Waterworks Co., supply mains water throughout the district; the natural fluoride content of this water is negligible and none is added by the various Water Boards.

The following table gives details of samples taken:

	NO. TAKEN	SATIS- FACTORY	UNSATIS- FACTORY
Bacteriological Samples (Mains)	44	44	—
Bacteriological Samples (Private)	10	10	—
Chemical Samples (Mains)	13	13	—
Chemical Samples (Private)	3	3	—
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The number of dwellings and estimated population provided with a mains supply is given below:

PARISH	NO. OF DWELLINGS	EST. POP. SUPPLIED
Aldford	93	279
Bache	27	81
Backford	47	141
Barrow	284	852
Bridge Trafford	13	39
Buerton	17	51
Capenhurst	103	309
Caughall	3	9
Chester Castle	1	3
Chorlton	24	72
Christleton	806	2418
Churton Heath	5	15
Claverton	2	6
Dodleston	125	375
Dunham Hill	160	480
Eaton	25	75
Eccleston	90	270
Elton	613	1839
Great Boughton	2708	8124
Guilden Sutton	281	843
Hapsford	29	87
Hoole Village	102	306
Huntington	401	1203

Lea-by-Backford	...	...	...	56	168
Lea Newbold	...	...	...	7	21
Ledsham	...	...	...	42	126
Littleton	...	...	...	192	576
Little Stanney	...	...	...	71	213
Lower Kinnerton	...	...	...	39	117
Marlston-cum-Lache	...	...	...	30	90
Mickle Trafford	...	...	...	139	417
Mollington	...	...	...	194	582
Moston	...	...	...	74	222
Picton	...	...	...	23	69
Poultton	...	...	...	30	90
Puddington	...	...	...	110	330
Pulford	...	...	...	113	339
Rowton	...	...	...	118	354
Saighton	...	...	...	86	258
Saughall	...	...	...	1008	3024
Shotwick	...	...	...	20	60
Shotwick Park	...	...	...	21	63
Stoak	...	...	...	60	180
Thornton-le-Moors	...	...	...	68	204
Upton-by-Chester	2944	8832
Wervin	26	78
Wimbolds Trafford	33	99
Woodbank	24	72
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SEWERAGE SCHEMES

During the year the surface water sewers at Guilden Sutton and Rowton and a foul water sewer at Pulford were completed and work continued on the provision of a sewerage scheme in the parishes of Bridge Trafford and Wimbolds Trafford.

Sewerage schemes to serve the parishes as indicated below were under preparation at the design stage:

Aldford	Dodleston	Dunham Hill and Hapsford
Eccleston	Marston-cum-Lache	Mickle Trafford
Puddington	Saighton	Stamford Bridge

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

(A) Registration and General Inspections

CLASS OF PREMISES	NO. OF PREMISES REGIST'D DURING THE YEAR	NO. OF REGIST'D PREMISES AT END OF YEAR	NO. OF REGIST'D PREMISES RECEIVING A GENERAL INSPECT'N DURING THE YEAR
Offices	5	29	29
Retail Shops	9	62	62
Wholesale Shops, Ware- houses	4	5	5
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	1	32	32
Fuel Storage Depots ...	—	—	—
	<u>19</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>128</u>

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act—398.

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

SECTION	NUMBER OF CONTRAVENTIONS FOUND	
4 Cleanliness	—	—
5 Overcrowding	—	—
6 Temperature	—	—
7 Ventilation	—	—
8 Lighting	—	—
9 Sanitary Conveniences	1	—
10 Washing Facilities	1	—
11 Supply of Drinking Water	—	—
12 Clothing Accommodation	1	—
13 Seating Facilities	—	—
14 Seats (Sedentary Workers)	—	—
15 Eating Facilities	—	—
16 Floors, Passages and Stairs	—	—
17 Fencing Exposed Parts, Machinery	—	—
18 Protection of Young Persons from Dangerous Machinery	—	—
19 Training of Young Persons working at Dangerous Machinery	—	—
23 Prohibition of Heavy Work	—	—
24 First Aid General Provisions	6	—
Total	<u>9</u>	—

All the contraventions found during the year were dealt with informally and remedied.

HOUSING

During the year 71 casual vacancies occurred which includes 18 re-lettings to employees of the British Nuclear Fuels Ltd., 5 re-lettings to staff at the West Cheshire Hospital and 1 re-letting to Western Command Staff. Out of the 47 remaining vacancies 2 premises involving 4 persons, were allocated to occupants of property subject to Housing Act procedure.

Also during the year approval was given for 6 exchanges to take place.

Following the decision in 1970 to sell Council Houses numerous enquiries have been received. The details below indicate the Council Houses sold to existing tenants:

				<u>1971.</u>	<u>1972.</u>	
Backford	...	...	...	3	2	5
Barrow	...	...	...	1	5	6
Capenhurst	...	...	...	7	5	12
Christleton	...	...	...	3	7	10
Dodleston	...	...	...	2	1	3
Dunham Hill	...	...	...	2	4	6
Elton	...	...	...	6	1	7
Great Boughton	...	...	...	10	8	18
Guilden Sutton	...	...	...	—	4	4
Huntington	...	...	...	5	5	10
Lea-by-Backford	...	...	...	2	—	2
Littleton	...	...	...	2	1	3
Lower Kinnerton	...	...	...	1	1	2
Mickle Trafford	...	...	...	2	1	3
Mollington	...	...	...	1	1	2
Pulford	...	...	...	1	3	4
Saughall	...	...	...	2	43	45
Shotwick	...	...	...	1	—	1
Thornton-le-Moors	...	...	...	2	2	4
Upton	...	...	...	1	13	14
Wimbolds Trafford	...	...	...	—	1	1
Total				<u>54</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>162</u>

Council Houses are distributed in the area as follows:

Backford	...	...	...	Houses	21
Barrow	...	...	...	Houses	47
"	...	...	...	Flats	4
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	2
Capenhurst	...	...	...	Houses	17
Christleton	...	...	...	Houses	95
"	...	...	...	Flats	12
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	12

Dodleston	...	...	...	Houses	33
Dunham-on-the-Hill	...	...	...	Houses	54
Elton	...	...	...	Houses	19
Great Boughton	...	...	...	Houses	130
"	...	...	...	Flats	4
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	15
Guilden Sutton	...	...	...	Houses	42
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	4
Hapsford	...	...	...	Houses	6
Huntington	...	...	...	Houses	54
Lea-by-Backford	...	...	...	Houses	7
Lea Newbold	...	...	...	Houses	2
Littleton	...	...	...	Houses	22
Little Stanney	...	...	...	Houses	6
Lower Kinnerton	...	...	...	Houses	9
Mickle Trafford	...	...	...	Houses	40
Mollington	...	...	...	Houses	9
Pulford	...	...	...	Houses	19
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	6
Saughall	...	...	...	Houses	238
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	16
"	...	...	...	Sheltered Housing	23
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	8
Shotwick	...	...	...	Houses	2
Stoak	...	...	...	Houses	27
"	...	...	...	Flats	4
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	3
Thornton-le-Moors	...	...	...	Houses	19
Upton-by-Chester	...	...	...	Houses	341
"	...	...	...	Flats	50
"	...	...	...	Bungalows	15
"	...	...	...	Sheltered Housing	23
Wimbolds Trafford	...	...	...	Houses	14
Woodbank	...	...	...	Houses	4
Total					1447

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The regular weekly collection of refuse from all premises in the district has continued together with an increased number of chargeable collections from trade and business premises, the income from these special collections amounted to £2,385.00 plus an additional income from the sale of plastic containers and bin liners of £259.00.

The refuse collection service has continued to operate in a satisfactory manner and the bonus scheme, after initial difficulties, appears to have been accepted by the workmen. No problems of any significance arose during the year and the disposable bag system of domestic refuse collection is providing a hygienic and quiet service which is appreciated by the refuse collectors and the general public.

Details of staff and vehicles engaged in this service are given below:

Staff

Foreman	1
Drivers	5
Relief Drivers	2
Refuse Collectors	13
Depot	1
Tip Controllers	1
Maintenance Mechanic	1

Vehicles

19/60 Musketeer Vehicle	1
60 cu. yd. Pakamatic Vehicle	1
35 cu. yd. Pakamatic Vehicles	2
20 cu. yd. Pakamatic Vehicle (Spare Vehicle)	1
35 cu. yd. Fore and Aft Tipper with Pressure Plate (Special Collection)	2
Drott Crawler Tractor	1
35 cwt. Dumper Truck	1
5 cwt. Van	1
Total	<hr/> 10 <hr/>

Domestic refuse is still being disposed of by controlled tipping at the rear of the Deva Hospital and as a result of Chester completing their tipping area it was agreed to allow joint use of the Rural Council Tip, this joint use commenced on 5th June, 1972.

Meetings and negotiations are still taking place to find alternative tipping facilities and in anticipation of permission being granted to dispose of refuse at Gwersyllt, plans are being prepared of a transfer loading station to be sited off Bumpers Lane, Chester.

The special collection vehicle and two men spend a considerable amount of time each week removing rubbish dumped in the country lanes and also collecting litter from the more urbanised areas.

During the year approximately 20,000 bin liners are collected weekly from domestic premises and in addition the special collection vehicle made 2,435 calls to collect unwanted bulky household waste.

The refuse vehicles covered a total of 52,547 miles and the total cost of the refuse collection and disposal service was £82,207.00.

Cesspool Emptying

The charge of £1 for the emptying of private septic tanks and cesspools was discontinued in July 1972 and this service together with the clearance of blocked drains at private premises is now provided free of charge, business premises however are still charged on a time and mileage basis.

Periodic visits are also made to the various Council sewerage plants which are emptied and cleaned on a regular basis.

In November of 1972, following a request from Tarvin R.D.C. it was agreed to allow this vehicle to operate in the Tarvin area on an agreed daily charge and this service has continued to operate in a manner satisfactory to all concerned.

Details of work carried out

Number of septic tanks and cesspools emptied ...	167
Number of private drains cleared	78

Abandoned Vehicles

During the year action was taken under the Civic Amenities Act and various Regulations to secure the removal of motor vehicles apparently abandoned in the district; and the following table gives details of the action taken:

Number of cars removed by Local Authority ...	25
Number of cars removed by owner	11

The removal of the 25 cars abandoned in the district was carried out by a local scrap dealer at no cost to the Council.

Meat Inspection

There is one private licensed slaughterhouse in the area situated at Chorlton-by-Backford, and as in previous years a certain amount of slaughtering has taken place outside normal working hours.

The income during the year for meat inspection amounted to £541.85.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Beasts	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Gaats	Total
No. killed	1188	5	19	4724	2986	1	8923
No. not inspected ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerici

Whole carcasses condemned	2	—	2	2	7	—	13
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	220	—	—	362	356	—	1038

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	—	—	—	—	17	—	17

Cysticerci

Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	3
Carcases submitted to refrigeration ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Generalised and totally condemned ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Unsound Food Surrendered or Condemned

				TONS	CWTS.	LBS.
Meat at Slaughterhouses ... ..	...	...	...	3	8	111
Meat at Wholesale Premises ... ..	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meat at Retail Shops ... ..	...	...	...	—	3	6
Fish ... ..	...	...	...	—	—	—
Canned Foods ... ..	...	...	...	—	—	58
Other Foods ... ..	...	...	...	—	1	19
				3	13	82

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

School Inspections

All schools in the area, including private and kindergarten schools, receive regular inspections under the provisions of The Standards for School Premises Regulations 1959, and where applicable The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

Clean Air Act

Regular observations are made of the few industrial chimneys in the area and appropriate action taken when necessary.

There are no smoke control areas in the district.

Rodent Control

There is one operative employed in the area during the year who is supplied with a 5 cwt. van. The following table summarises the visits made:

Private Dwellings	...	...	...	...	697
Agricultural Premises	...	...	...	...	73
Business Premises	...	...	...	...	74
Contracts	1674
Local Authority	151
Sewage Disposal Works	38
Refuse Tip	75
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Number of poison baits laid: 11,905.

Income from Contracts for the eradication of rats :
£1,411.67.

Ice Cream

There are 41 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream.

The following samples were obtained during the year with the results as indicated:

Number of samples Grade 1	...	...	...	6
Number of samples Grade 2	—
Number of samples Grade 3	—
Number of samples Grade 4	—
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Total samples	6
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Food Complaints

Arising out of complaints made at the office, the following investigations were carried out with action as indicated:

Cigarette end in Weetabix	...	No action taken.
Cigarette end in Steak and Kidney Pie	...	Bakery cautioned.
Milk containing foreign matter	...	Vendor cautioned.
Small stone in hamburger	...	Manufacturer cautioned.
Metal in brown loaf	...	Bakery cautioned.
Glass in oatcake	...	Insufficient evidence.
Foreign matter in milk	...	Dairy cautioned.
Grease on slices of bacon	...	Retailer cautioned.
Dirty milk bottle	...	Dairy cautioned.
Dirty milk bottle	...	Dairy cautioned.
Dirty milk bottle	...	Dairy cautioned.
Dirty milk bottle	...	Dairy cautioned.
Tainted milk	...	Insufficient evidence.
Foreign matter in milk	...	Insufficient evidence.
Foreign matter in bread	...	Insufficient evidence.
Foreign matter in cordial	...	Insufficient evidence.

**CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT
1960**

There are 14 licensed caravan sites in the district involving a total of 209 caravans.

During the year detailed inspections of these sites were carried out in order to ensure that the Site Licence Conditions were being complied with.

It was not necessary during the year for proceedings to be taken under the above Act.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Number of houses rendered fit

	SECTION 9, 10, 16 AND 24 HOUSING ACT 1957		PUBLIC HEALTH AND SIMILAR LOCAL ACTS		TOTALS	
	INFORMAL	FORMAL	INFORMAL	FORMAL	INFORMAL	FORMAL
(a) By Owner	1	—	304	—	305	—
(b) By Local Authority	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1	—	304	—	305	—

HOUSING ACT 1957

Individual Unfit Houses

Number of Undertakings accepted (Section 16) ...	—
Number of Closing Orders made (Section 17) ...	—
Number of Demolition Orders made (Section 17)...	3
Number of houses demolished following Demolition Orders	1
Number of people displaced:	
(a) Individuals	4
(b) Families	2

Housing Act 1969

Fourteen applications for Qualification Certificates were received and dealt with as indicated:

Qualification Certificates issued	10
Applications refused	4
Provisional Certificates issued	1

Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963

There are three boarding establishments licenced under the above Act and periodic inspections are made of the premises concerned.

Petroleum (Regulations) Acts 1928-1936

Seventy six licences were issued by this Authority for the storage of petroleum spirit at premises in the district and routine inspections of licensed premises are carried out by the Public Health Inspectors and officials of the Cheshire County Fire Brigade. As a result of these inspections, pressure tests are applied to storage tanks and pipelines when considered necessary.

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960

Frequent visits are made to all food premises in the district including schools and hospital kitchens and the general standard is satisfactory.

In accordance with the Department of Health and Social Security Circular 1/71 the premises are set out in detail below:

						TOTAL NO.
Cafes and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	19
Food Preparation Premises	...	...	...	...	...	56
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	2
Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	27
Shops	...	...	...	...	...	49
Total						153

Summary of visits made

The following information gives in detail the number of visits and inspections carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Animal Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	8
Boarding Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	15
Caravans	...	...	...	...	...	93
City Health Department	...	...	...	...	...	28
Civic Amenities Act and Street Cleansing	...	...	...	...	...	226
Claims	...	...	...	...	...	23
Deposit of Poisonous Wastes Act	...	...	...	...	...	1
Depot	...	...	...	...	...	400
District Survey	...	...	...	...	...	139
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	225
Factories Act	...	...	...	...	...	94
Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	40
Food and Drugs Act and Food Hygiene	...	...	...	...	...	288
House Inspection and House Letting	...	...	...	...	...	503
Ice Cream Samples	...	...	...	...	...	11
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	379
Lay-bys	...	...	...	...	...	47

Litter Baskets	...	...	...	...	99
Milk and Dairies Regulations	...	...	...	...	12
Miscellaneous Visits	...	...	...	...	242
Mobile Shops	...	...	...	...	6
Moveable Dwellings	...	...	...	...	37
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	24
Nursing Homes	...	...	...	...	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	...	...	...	...	110
Path. Laboratory	...	...	...	...	140
Petroleum Regulations	...	...	...	...	254
Pre-School Play Groups	...	...	...	...	14
Prevention of Damage by Pests	...	...	...	...	117
Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	879
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	946
Schools Inspections	...	...	...	...	6
Scrap Metal Dealers	...	...	...	...	4
Sewerage Disposal	...	...	...	...	66
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	329
Smoke Abatement	...	...	...	...	39
Street Nameplates	...	...	...	...	143
Water Supply	...	...	...	...	133

Food and Drugs Act 1955

The following information has been supplied by Mr. W. K. Natrass, Chief Inspector of the Department of Trading Standards, Cheshire County Council, in respect of samples obtained in this area during 1972.

NAME OF SAMPLE	NO. OBTAINED	NO. ADULTERATED OR NOT UP TO THE RECOGNISED STANDARD OR QUALITY	
Baby Food (Beef and Broth)...	1		
Baby Food (Fruit and Honey)	1		
Baby Food (Veg. and Veal)...	1		
Bacon Grill ...	1		
Butter Beans ...	1		
Brandy ...	2		
Bread ...	1		1
Cabbage (Pickled Red)	1		
Cheese (White Cheddar) ...	1		1
Chicken Spread ...	1		
Chutney (Onion) ...	1		
Cochineal ...	1		
Cocoa ...	1		
Cream (Devon) ...	1		
Cream (Double) ...	1		
Curry (Chicken) ...	1		
Dates (Chopped) ...	1		
Ex Lax ...	1		
Foam Crystals ...	1		

NAME OF SAMPLE	NO. ADULTERATED OR NOT UP TO THE RECOGNISED	
	NO. OBTAINED	STANDARD OR QUALITY
Ham and Cheese	1	
Ham Paste	1	
Horseradish Sauce	1	
Instant Whip (Chocolate) ...	1	
Instant Whip (Strawberry) ...	1	
Jam (Apple & Blackcurrant)	1	
Jam (Bramble)	1	
Jam (Strawberry)	1	
Jelly (Strawberry)	2	
Milk	71	1
Milk Pudding (Rice)	1	
Mincemeat	1	
Oil (Cod Liver)	1	
Peanut Butter	1	
Peas (Dried)	1	
Peas (Garden)	1	
Peas (Processed)	1	
Peas (Split)	1	
Peppercorn (Black)	1	
Pickle	1	
Potato Mix	1	
Potato Salad	1	
Ravioli (in Tomato Sauce) ...	1	
Raisins (Seedless)	1	
Raspberries in Syrup	1	
Rum	2	
Salad (Vegetable)	1	
Sandwich Spread	1	
Sauce	1	
Sauce (Meat)	1	
Sauce (Raspberry)	1	
Sauce (Tomato)	1	
Sauce Mix (Curry)	1	
Sausages (Pork)	2	
Spaghetti (Alphabeti)	1	
Spaghetti Bolognese	1	
Steak and Kidney Pie	1	
Steak (minced in gravy)	1	
Stock (Chicken Flavour)	1	
Tartare Sauce	2	
Toast Toppers	1	
Tomato Puree	1	
Tongue	1	
Vegetables and Chicken	1	
Vinegar (Malt)	1	
Vinegar (Wine)	1	
Walnut (Pickled)	1	
	141	3

Particulars of Samples not up to standard 1972

SAMPLE	RESULT OF ANALYSIS	REMARKS
Milk	Contained 3.5% of Extraneous water	Farmer cautioned

List of Complaints received from Private Purchasers

Bread grossly contaminated with foreign matter.	Fined £30 with £6.55 costs.
Cheese contained cotton wrapping.	No further action.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following table gives details of the inspections carried out in the various factories in the district during the year. The defects noted were remedied after the owner's attention had been drawn, by letter, to the work required.

PREMISES (1)	NO. ON REGISTER (2)	INSPECT- IONS (3)	NO. OF WRITTEN NOTICES (4)	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	49	65	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	20	26	—	—
	<hr/> 72 <hr/>	<hr/> 94 <hr/>	<hr/> — <hr/>	<hr/> — <hr/>

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				REFERRED		NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSEC'NS WERE IN- STITUTED
	FOUND	REMEDIED	INSPECTOR	INSPECTOR	TO H.M.	BY H.M.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	4	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2.)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temp. (S.3.)	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilat- ion (S.4.) ...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary							
Conveniences (S.7.):							
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not inc. offences relating to Out- work)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	6	6	—	—	—	—	—

Outwork

There are eight outworkers on the register.

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